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REJECTION

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND  
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Official Action mailed on March 18, 2003 and in accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Applicants also submit herewith: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time, requesting that the time period for responding to the Office Action be extended for a period of **two** month (*i.e.*, from June 18, 2003 up to and including August 18, 2003) and accompanied by the appropriate fee; (2) an Amendment Transmittal letter, accompanied by the appropriate fee for the claim amendments, *infra*; (3) a Sequence Listing, in paper and computer readable forms; (4) a Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, including the statements required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) and (g); and (5) a return copy of the Notice to Comply.

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